

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and another clear sign that our great nation has come under fire by "special interests".

Sinclair uses the PUBLIC AIRWAVES free of charge, and is OBLIGATED BY LAW to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. It would be one thing if the other side were to have a voice and equal airtime ... but that will not happen under this media tyranny.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

As an American I am appalled by the Sinclair Group's decision. As an independent voter not connected with the Democrats or Republicans, I can only say that I am disappointed and reaffirmed that our nation has become a hotbed of partisanism and misrepresentation by monied interests. Please fight this type of abuse from taking place. It's 300 times as important as Janet Jackson's nipple and 500 times more destructive than the words of Howard Stern. Sinclair must not be allowed to violate our country.

Thank you.